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SUBJECT: HONG KONG INPUT ON NEW REPORTS TO CONGRESS ON  
ENERGY

REF: STATE 10743

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use only. Not for distribution outside of USG channels.

11. (U) In response to reftel, Consulate General Hong Kong  
provides the following input for reports required under the  
Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007 (P.L.  
No.110-140).

12. (SBU) Sections and Staff:

The combined Economic-Political Section (EP), enhanced by  
regular involvement by the Front Office (XO) and Public  
Affairs Section (PAS), handles energy matters for the State  
Department for the Hong Kong and Macau Special Administrative  
Regions. Post also has a Foreign Commercial Service (FCS)  
office that is very actively engaged on energy-related  
matters.

XO has 2 FSOs and 2 OMS.  
EP Section has 12 FSOs, 1 OMS and 3 LES.  
PA Section has 2 FSOs, 1 intern and 13 LES.  
FCS has 4 FSOs and 14 LES.

13. (SBU) State Employees and Time Spent:

STATE  
Consul General (Cunningham): 5 percent  
ESTH/Econ Officer (Schrepel): 10 percent  
Econ LES (Cheung): 5 percent  
PAS Chief (Hutchinson): 10 percent  
PAS Deputy (Kreisher): 10 percent  
PAS Intern (Quintanilla): 10 percent

COMMERCE  
FCS Chief (Ballard) 50 percent  
FCS Deputy (Mayfield) 15 percent

14. (SBU) Description of Work:

The Consul General spends the majority of his time leading  
the development of the FCS's innovative Pollution Prevention  
Energy Efficiency Initiative (P2E2), a program that supports  
private sector financing for energy efficiency improvements  
and environmental upgrades to reduce pollution from mainland  
China factories and power plants.

The ESTH/economic officer, and one economic LES serve as the  
lead staff on energy-related policy matters in Hong Kong and  
Macau. These personnel handle the day-to-day tracking and  
reporting on energy issues including: scheme of control  
negotiations, energy efficiency and renewable energy  
implementatio, energy and environment policy development,

liaison with private sector and NGO entities, liaison with Hong Kong and Macau Governments, and staffing of Consulate principals for energy-related meetings/events.

The Public Affairs officers and intend to facilitate the American Speakers Programs, International Visitors Program, and local school/organization outreach on energy and environmental issues. In addition, they develop supporting materials, events, and speeches for Consulate programs such as P2E2.

The FCS serves as the lead staff on commercial energy-related matters in Hong Kong and Macau. Their efforts include: hosting energy-related trade missions and leading reverse trade missions; conference and trade fair participation; business matching; advocacy on behalf of U.S. energy technologies; and the development of the P2E2 program.

15. (SBU) Budget:

State Department funds spent by Consulate General Hong Kong in FY 2007 on energy-related activities are as follows:

PERSONNEL (note: reflects true cost, including salary, benefits and training)

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STATE  
Consul General (Cunningham): \$ 18,586  
ESTH/Econ Officer (Schrepel): \$ 11,070  
Econ LES (Cheung): \$ 6,378  
PAS Chief (Hutchinson): \$ 22,723  
PAS Deputy (Kreisher): \$ 24,182  
PAS Intern (Quintanilla): \$ 0

STATE TOTAL \$ 82,939

COMMERCE  
FCS Chief (Ballard) \$ 97,108  
FCS Deputy (Mayfield) \$ 29,564

POST TOTAL \$209,611

PROGRAM  
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De minimus.

16. (U) Please advise should additional information be required. Contact at Post is Economic Officer, Dawn Schrepel, schrepeldm@state.gov.  
Cunningham